

RE:RM-10352-I suppose this petition. The use of A.M. on our crowded phone bands is no longer practical. 6 weeks ago two hams began chatting on 1.896 Mhz A.M..Our Worked All States net had began 90 min. before they began A.M. operation. The interference to us on 1.895 Mhz forced the closure of the net that evening due to the interference from these A.M. carriers for our stations in Ma.,Mi. and Mo. Our three stations were all receiving these carriers at a signal strength well above S9. Attempts to communicate with these two elderly amateurs,who later were determined to be brother operating groundwave between each other, went unanswered. Further attempts, using CW, SSB and A.M. also went unanswered. In spite of the fact that they heard SSB signals, and complained to each other about these, they continued their operation. After 20 frustrating minutes of this, I copied their callsigns and checked their published addresses. The eldest of these two hams was not found by the telephone directory assistance operator. The other ham was found and a telephone number was found. I called him by telephone and we discussed the problem that was being created. He and I agreed that we would attempt to establish two-way communications with each other on A.M. while still on the telephone. In spite of the fact that his A.M. signal was being received here at a strength of S9+40db, and my full size antenna and 400watts on A.M. and 1400 watts on SSB were not copied by him, even with telephone coordination, left him quite puzzled. He could not hear me "through the noise" in his receiver. I asked him if he checks to see if there are any signals in the 6 khz that his A.M. signal uses and he said he never does because he is operating in the A.M. segment of the band. This "window" is not and should not be an exclusive area for use by one mode. Thank You.